# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
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GRIEVANCES OF FOREST DEPENDENT PEOPLE
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**Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:**

(a) Whether the Government have invited the views of Forest Dependent People on forest policy;

(b) if so, whether any steps are being taken to address the grievances of forest Dependent People;

(c) If so, the details thereof;

(d) Whether the Government propose to recognise the rights of Forest Dependent People; and

(e) If so, the details thereof?

## Answer

MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T. R. BAALU)

(a) to (e): The views of forest dependent people and forest dwellers are invited from time to time as per the National Forest Policy, 1988. Further with a view to involving people in the management and conservation of forests as also to meet their genuine needs ,the Joint Forest Management Programme is being implemented in 26 States through 62,864 Village Level Committees and an area of about 14.24 million ha. In the JFM process , the people participate actively in the management of the forests on care and share basis. The rights and concessions of the forest dependent people are fully recognised and protected and benefits are given to them as per the Working Plan prescriptions, JFM andin accordance with various State Acts and Rules concerning forests protection and conservation.